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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS ON MILITARY ARMS CUTOFF

1. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 15 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO TURKISH NEWS AGENCY (THA) REPORT FROM WASHINGTON ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR AND WASHINGTON POST ARTICLES ON RESUMPTION OF AID TO TURKEY. ACCORDING TO THA, LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO AND RESUMPTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY APPEAR TO BE "TREMBLING IN THE BALANCE," WITH A DEFINITE MAJORITY IN HOUSE AND POSSIBLE MAJORITY IN SENATE SEEING TURKEY'S WARNINGS THAT SHE WILL CLOSE AMERICAN BASES AS MERE BLUFF.

2. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ARTICLE COMES THROUGH IN TURKISH PRESS AS SAYING THAT PRESIDENT WANTS TO KEEP CONGRESS UNDER-PRESSURE TO RESUME AID BECAUSE HE BELIEVES DEMIREL GOVERN-
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MENT WILL GIVE CONCESSIONS TO U.S. ON CYPRUS IF US AID RESUMED.

ARTICLE INTIMATES PRESIDENT TOLD CONGRESS THAT, BECAUSE OF TURKISH DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, DEMIREL CANNOT STATE EXPLICITLY POSSIBILITY OF CONCESSIONS.

3. CONGRESS, THA WRITES, HAS COUNTER-PROPOSED TO PRESIDENT THAT TURKEY MUST READMIT 30,000 GREEK REFUGEES TO FAMAGUSTA AND REDRAW NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA LINE. IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THA GOES ON, THAT CONGRESS WILL ONCE AGAIN POSTPONE RESUMPTION OF AID.
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